

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Claim 1 (canceled)**

**Claim 2 (canceled)**

**Claim 3 (canceled)**

**Claim 4 (canceled)**

**Claim 5 (canceled)**

**Claim 6 (canceled)**

**Claim 7 (canceled)**

**Claim 8 (canceled)**

**Claim 9 (canceled)**

**Claim 10 (canceled)**

**Claim 11 (canceled)**

**Claim 12 (canceled)**

**Claim 13 (canceled)**

**Claim 14 (canceled)**

**Claim 15 (new): A plant support device for aiding in supporting climbing plants, said device comprising:**

**at least three uprights, each of said uprights having a profile, each of said uprights having two ends, one of said ends being a bent end having multiple bends to form a substantially horizontal portion and a vertical portion; each of said uprights having a length and a plurality of holes along said length, said holes being arranged in a line along said length and spaced a predetermined distance apart;**

a plurality of hoops, each of said hoops having a plurality of clamping mechanisms for attaching said hoops to said uprights, said plurality of clamping mechanisms on each hoop being of the same number as said uprights, said clamping mechanisms having a first part attached to said hoop and having at least a portion of its shape conforming to the profile of said uprights and a second fitted part which is separate from said first part and shaped to conform to the profile of said uprights, said first part of said clamping mechanisms further comprising a knob positioned within said first part, said knob being sized and shaped to correspondingly engage said plurality of holes to lockingly attach said hoops to said uprights;

said second fitted part further having securing means for attaching said second fitted part to said first part, whereby said hoops are removeably attached to said uprights by manipulating said securing means;

said one bent end being of greater dimension than the other end whereby the increased dimension provides a more stable base for attachment to the ground and prevents tipping of the support device and plant in a moderate wind; and

said device being of a modular construction so as to allow for disassembly and compact storage when not in use.

Claim 16 (new): The plant support device of Claim 15, wherein said securing means are hardware to attach said first part and said second fitted part together.

**Claim 17 (new):** The plant support device of Claim 15, wherein each of said uprights are of a set length and made of a single unitary construction, and each of said hoops are made of a single unitary construction.

**Claim 18 (new):** The plant support device of Claim 17, wherein said hoops are made in a plurality of geometric shapes and sizes to accommodate various size and shaped plants.

**Claim 19 (new):** The plant support device of Claim 15, wherein each of said uprights are made of several smaller individual pieces interconnected to form a maximum length; and each of said hoops is made of smaller portions interconnected to form various shapes and dimensions.

**Claim 20 (new):** The plant support device of Claim 15, wherein said uprights, hoops and clamping mechanisms are made of plastics.

**Claim 21 (new):** The plant support device of Claim 15, wherein said uprights, hoops and clamping mechanisms are made of metal.

**Claim 22 (new):** The plant support device of Claim 15, wherein said uprights, hoops and clamping mechanisms are made of fiberglass.

**Claim 23 (new):** The plant support device of Claim 15, wherein said first part of said clamping mechanism is integrally formed within said hoop.